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E.O. 11652: XGDS1  
TAGS: FR, CH, MASS  
SUBJECT: SOVIETS INTERVENE ON POSSIBLE FRENCH HIGH  
TECHNOLOGY SALES TO CHINA

REF: PARIS 29078

1. ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SOURCE (PROTECT THROUGH-  
OUT) TELLS US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT SOVIETS APPROACH-  
ED FRENCH AT HIGH LEVEL AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE CHINESE  
MILITARY MISSION TO FRANCE WITH REQUEST THAT FRANCE NOT  
SELL CHINA HIGH-TECHNOLOGY MILITARY ITEMS. ALTHOUGH  
SOURCE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY VENUE OF APPROACH HE LEFT  
EMBOFF WITH IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS MADE TO BARRE IN  
MOSCOW.

2. CHINESE MILITARY MISSION, SOURCE SAID, WAS SHOWN A  
GREAT DEAL" WHILE THEY WERE HERE. THEY IN TURN REACTED  
WITH EVIDENT SURPRISE AT ADVANCED MILITARY TECHNOLOGY  
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DISPLAYED. WHILE CHINESE SHOWED INTEREST IN A NUMBER OF  
THESE ITEMS, SOURCE TELLS US THAT NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS  
OR ORDERS MATERIALIZED DURING THEIR VISIT.

3. REITERATING THE HIGH SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT,  
SOURCE THEN EXPLAINED THAT GISCARD IS CURRENTLY WORKING  
OUT A FRENCH POLICY ON ADVANCED MILITARY TECHNOLOGY

SALES TO CHINA. HIS STRONG INCLINATION IS TO LIMIT SALES SPECIFICALLY TO DEFENSIVE ITEMS, SUCH AS ANTI-TANK SYSTEMS, AND TO EXCLUDE ITEMS WHICH COULD MARKEDLY ADVANCE CHINESE OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES, INCLUDING ADVANCED COMPUTERS.

4. SOURCE FINALLY VOLUNTEERED THAT SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE TO GISCARD BY HIS STAFF THAT HE TOUCH ON THIS SUBJECT IN HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, IN VIEW OF THE OBVIOUS US INTEREST IN WHATEVER COURSE FRANCE SHOULD ULTIMATELY ADOPT IN THIS FIELD.  
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